

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification with the replacement paragraphs as follows:

[00039] In contrast to the state of the art, a deflector plate or deflector sleeve 12 of a ring-type construction is assigned to the orifice plate 6. The deflector plate 12 has, for example, a conical shape, the deflector plate 12 covering the ring gap 8, for example, over its entire length and widening away from the passage openings 5. The deflector plate 12 has a radially innermost edge upstream of the passage opening 5 of the weir 4 such that liquid exiting the drum 1 is directed away from the drum lid 3.

[00048] As shown in Figure 3, the weir 4 comprises the passage openings 5 in the drum lid 3 but no orifice plate 6. On the contrary, the liquid flows directly against another component, for example, a ring plate 14 in front of or on a transmission housing 18. The transmission housing 18 is constructed as a part which does not rotate along during the operation. The annular gap 8', which is partially covered here toward the outside by the deflector plate 12, is constructed between the drum lid 3 and the ring plate component 14. The deflector plate 12 has a radially innermost edge upstream of the passage opening 5 of the weir 4 such that liquid exiting the drum 1 is directed away from the drum lid 3.